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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: STRIKE SITUATION

REF: PARAMARIBO 137

1. GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY INTENDS TO MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO REOPEN SCHOOLS WITHOUT A STRIKE SETTLEMENT. AN EARLIER SUCH MOVE PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 26 WAS CANCELLED WHEN IT APPEARED SIGNIFICANCE VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION MIGHT BE EMPLOYED BY STRIKING TEACHERS AND SUPPORTERS (PARAMARIBO 078). THIS TIME THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVES IT HAS FIRMER CONTROL DUE TO TIGHTER POLICE MEASURES AND IS ALSO COUNTING ON WEARINESS AMONG STRIKING TEACHERS, WHO HAVE BEEN TWO MONTHS WITHOUT PAY. GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED TEACHERS TO SHOW UP TOMORROW AT SCHOOLS TO GAUGE BACK TO WORK SENTIMENT.

2. CABINET MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS AFTERNOON, AND THIS EVENING PRIME MINISTER SEDNEY REPORTEDLY WILL APPEAR ON TELEVISIGN. HE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE CONCILIATORY GESTURE TO STRIKERS INCLUDING SALARY IMPROVEMENTS WHICH MAY INDUCE STRIKERS TO RETURN TO WORK.

3. EVENTS DURING NEXT FEW DAYS MAY CLARIFY SITUATION.
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